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Model: TF9 2.9g | Brand: Thermalright

1. Introduction

The Thermalright TF9 2.9g Thermal Paste is a high-performance thermal interface material designed to facilitate efficient heat transfer between your CPU or GPU and its heatsink. Proper application of thermal paste is crucial for maintaining optimal operating temperatures and ensuring the longevity of your electronic components. This manual provides detailed instructions for the correct use and maintenance of your TF9 thermal paste.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- · Keep out of reach of children.
- Do not ingest. If swallowed, seek immediate medical attention.
- · Avoid prolonged skin contact. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
- · Use in a well-ventilated area.
- The paste is non-electrically conductive, reducing the risk of short circuits.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Your Thermalright TF9 2.9g package includes:

- 1 x Thermalright TF9 2.9g Thermal Paste syringe
- 1 x Application tool (spatula)



Image: Thermalright TF9 2.9g thermal paste syringe and included spatula for application.

4. Specifications

Property	Value
Thermal Conductivity	14 W/m.k
Weight	2.9g
Usable Temperature	-220°C to +380°C
Thermal Resistance	<0.01
Electrically Conductive	No
Harmless	Yes (safe for electronic components)

5. SETUP AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps for proper thermal paste application to ensure optimal cooling performance.

5.1. Preparation

- 1. Ensure your CPU or GPU and heatsink surfaces are clean and free of any old thermal paste or debris. Use a lint-free cloth and isopropyl alcohol for cleaning.
- 2. Remove the cap from the Thermalright TF9 syringe.

5.2. Application Methods

There are several recommended methods for applying thermal paste, depending on your CPU/GPU type and personal preference. The goal is to create a thin, even layer that covers the entire Integrated Heat Spreader (IHS) of the CPU/GPU when the heatsink is mounted, without excessive overflow.

5.2.1. Dot Method (Recommended for LGA1700)

For LGA1700 sockets, a 12-dot application pattern is recommended. Apply small, even dots across the surface of the CPU's IHS.



Image: Thermal paste applied in a dot pattern on a CPU, demonstrating a common application technique.

5.2.2. Line Method (Recommended for AM4/AM5)

For AM4/AM5 sockets, a 9-dot application pattern is recommended. Apply small, even dots across the surface of the CPU's IHS.

5.2.3. Spreading Method (Optional)

Alternatively, you can apply a small amount of paste to the center of the CPU/GPU and use the included spatula to spread it into a thin, even layer across the entire surface of the IHS. This method ensures full coverage before heatsink installation.

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Video: A tutorial demonstrating various thermal paste application methods, including dot and spreading techniques, for different CPU sockets.

5.3. Heatsink Installation

- 1. Carefully place the heatsink onto the CPU/GPU, ensuring it is aligned correctly.
- Apply even pressure as you secure the heatsink according to its manufacturer's instructions. Avoid twisting or sliding the heatsink once it makes contact with the thermal paste, as this can create air gaps.
- 3. Tighten the heatsink mounting screws gradually in a cross pattern to ensure even pressure distribution.

6. OPERATING

Once applied, the Thermalright TF9 thermal paste will immediately begin to facilitate heat transfer. The paste operates passively, ensuring that heat generated by your CPU or GPU is efficiently moved to the heatsink for dissipation. No further user interaction is required for its operation.

7. MAINTENANCE

Thermal paste does not require regular maintenance in the traditional sense. However, its effectiveness can diminish over time or if the heatsink is removed.

- **Reapplication:** It is recommended to reapply thermal paste whenever the heatsink is removed from the CPU/GPU (e.g., for cleaning, upgrading, or troubleshooting).
- Monitoring: Regularly monitor your CPU/GPU temperatures using system monitoring software. If you
 notice a significant increase in temperatures under normal load, it may indicate that the thermal paste
 needs to be reapplied.
- Cleaning: Before reapplying, always clean off any old thermal paste from both the CPU/GPU IHS and the heatsink base using a lint-free cloth and isopropyl alcohol.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience higher-than-expected temperatures after applying the thermal paste, consider the following:

- Insufficient or Excessive Paste: Ensure you have applied an appropriate amount of thermal paste.

 Too little can lead to poor contact, while too much can hinder heat transfer or cause messy overflow.
- **Uneven Spreading:** Verify that the thermal paste is spread evenly across the entire IHS surface. Air bubbles or uncovered areas will reduce efficiency.
- **Heatsink Mounting Pressure:** Confirm that the heatsink is securely and evenly mounted, applying adequate pressure to the CPU/GPU. Loose mounting is a common cause of high temperatures.
- **Heatsink Contact:** Check for any obstructions or damage to the heatsink's contact surface that might prevent proper contact with the CPU/GPU.
- Old or Dried Paste: If the paste in the syringe appears unusually dry or hard, it may have expired or been stored improperly. Replace with fresh paste.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information or technical support regarding your Thermalright TF9 2.9g Thermal Paste, please refer to the official Thermalright website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

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